# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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Diversion of Urea Subsidy
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the illegal diversion of subsidized urea and other fertilizers for industrial purposes in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year and the action taken by the Government thereon, State- wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for easy availability of chemical fertilizers to the farmers in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

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(a) & (b): There were reports of alleged diversion of subsidized urea meant for agricultural use to industrial users from some quarters. A statement indicating number of cases reported state-wise during the years 2013-14 to 2015-16 is annexed. In the current year no report of diversion has been received. It is informed that Government has declared fertilizer as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 and Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order, 1973. The State Governments have been empowered to take appropriate action to curb diversion of fertilizers and initiate action against the persons who violate these orders. Department of Fertilizers has, from time to time, written to the Chief Secretaries of various States and Ministry of Home Affairs to activate the enforcement agencies under their jurisdiction to take appropriate action to curb diversion.

(c): On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers is allocating sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitoring the availability through following system:-

(i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

(ii): The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

(iii): Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

iv). The gap between demand and indigenous production is met through imports.

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